

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a container for use in association with a transport vehicle, for collecting, compacting, storing and transporting refuse. More particularly, the invention relates to a side-loading refuse vehicle. Accordingly, the invention herein comprises a refuse collection system for use in combination with a transport vehicle. The system comprises a housing having a collection hopper at its first end, with an opening and a storage compartment at its second end. The refuse collection system also has a packing arm movable front and rearwards within the housing and having a blade portion. The packing arm is movable along a generally arcuate path from a rest position behind the collection hopper and to an extended position forward of the collection hopper. The path of travel of the blade portion passes over the collection hopper to sweep refuse from the collection hopper into the storage compartment.

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